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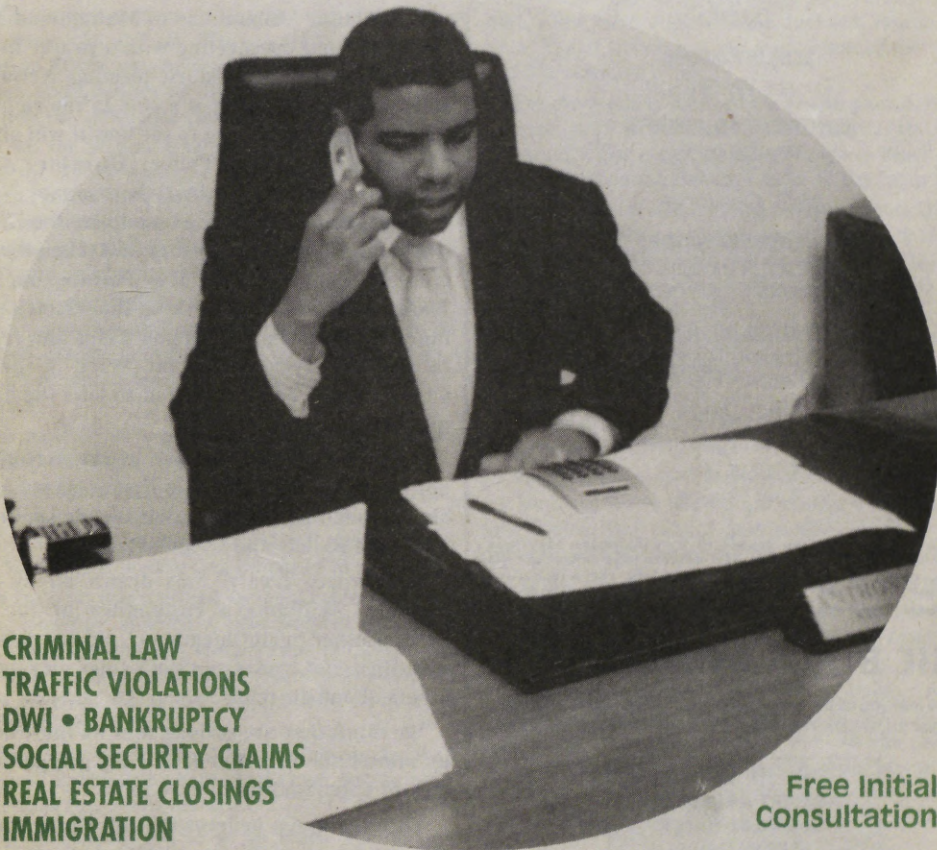
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"We all say good-bye and miss you... Mayor Glenn Cunningham"

To love my people shouldn't imply I hate others...
(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

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We Were There... Bloods & Crips Treaty

A new beginning

NEWARK – Its great for the city if it lives up to its promise. The media under-reported attendance, we felt there were more than 150 in attendance.

Bro. Arthur Muhammad of Muhammad Mosque No. 25 opened the meeting with a prayer for peace within and after the historic meeting. Newark officials say the agreement is a step in the right direction but are just waiting to see how it will affect the community. Acting Police Director Anthony Ambrose and Sgt. Kevin Rehamann of NJ State Troopers think it will take time to see the effect, but is a great thing. We know they had taken the idea of truce to Deputy Mayor Ras Baraka, but Arthur Tucker had also been working the streets and talking to many of the Bloods and Crips and reporting to his supervisor, Central Ward Councilman Charles Bell who had decided to take the opportunity to forge a peace plan.

NJ Sen. Ronald Rice, one of the mayor's aides and Keith Ali, the Warden of Essex County Jail were also on hand as observers, but no one spoke, it was really the Bloods and Crips' affair.

The "Peace Treaty" was drawn up by Stanley "Tookie" Williams a co-founder of the Crips. Several other "gang members" did not wish to be identified, but leaders on both sides pledged to tell others about the truce.

We think they are serious, and we must help now no matter the consequences. They gripped about a lack of opportunities to have jobs.

This columnist believes that all young men need somewhere to train for employment, to let their ideas work. Why not an apprentice training program or other helpful ideas?

Tiny Prince



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POLLYTICKS

M.C. Observer

Think Tank

I don't know whether you all have seen the Black Think Tank that Tavis Smiley hosts on C-Span every year, but it is Powerful food for thought. Here are a few of the things learned at the Black Think Tank. Facts:

1. The first Americans or Native Americans going back to 13,000 BC were black! Look up the Folsom people who lived in Arizona.
2. One of the best reasons to stop our use of the term African American and say Black. A white person who was born in Africa, who moves to America is an African American and qualifies for financial aid, etc., but will get the jobs/pay privileges afforded to whites.
3. Look up the Slavery Law of 1665 (which stayed in effect until 1968) and the Maryland Doctrine of Exclusion (1638): both laws state that blacks must be excluded from the benefits afforded whites, and that blacks must remain noncompetitive with whites, except in sports and entertainment.
4. Two white men: Bill Gates and Larry Ellison, combined have more wealth than the combined wealth of all 36 million blacks in America. Civil Rights did not change the economic landscape or the balance of power in America.
5. Asians received 80% of all government minority set aside contracts. Hello!!
6. Blacks eat more fish than whites by a 4 to 1 margin. For every dollar that whites spend on fish, blacks spend \$9 on fish. Fish sold wholesale for \$1 will retail at \$2.50 - \$3.00. Guess what business we should be in as Blacks?
7. There isn't any black owned national cable, or major network television stations. Cathy Hughes, the black woman who owns our only black owned radio stations, plans to sell to white owners after hearing the deal Bob Johnson received for selling BET. (Cathy Hughes is from OMAHA y'all!)
8. There are no black owned companies on the Wall Street Stock Exchange; where blacks own the majority or controlling interest of the stock.
9. Ninety-six percent (96%) of all black inmates are men.
10. Over the next two years 440,000 black inmates will

be released from prison. The State has no place to put them as they re-enter society. A profitable business would be a Halfway house!

11. In 1860, 98% of all Blacks in America worked for White people. In 2001, 98% of all Blacks in America still work for white people.

12. In 1860, blacks in America had a combined net worth of one half of 1 percentage point. Guess what, in 2001, after Civil Rights, Jesse Jackson, Oprah, Shaq, NAACP, and Urban League, our combined net worth is half a percentage point.

13. For every dollar earned by a Jewish person, that dollar touches 12 to 18 Jewish hands before it leaves their community. For every dollar earned by a Black person it leaves the community soon as he or she earns it.

14. The last week of April 2003 in Washington, DC black teenagers where arrested and booked for eating McDonalds on the metro subway. Cops cited the recent 5-4 court decision as the permission to arrest law breakers even for minor offenses.

15. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of all hate crimes in America are against blacks.

16. After we get through being pleased that we have carpet in our office, a secretary, our name on the door and make six figures, we do not own anything.

17. What will happen if you miss 6 months of work without pay? All we've left for our children is debt not an inheritance. You cannot pass welfare or food stamps onto our kids as a nest egg! We are not even in the race.

18. By the way, the word "race" hit the English language in the 16th century when Europeans held a contest to see who will win the race to gather the most wealth through exploitation of blacks.

19. You must read *Powernomics* by Claude Anderson. This is our blueprint to create wealth, not just have a job, but be a business owner, so you can hire people, be listed on the stock exchange, develop businesses to meet our needs.

This is "Good Food" for thought.

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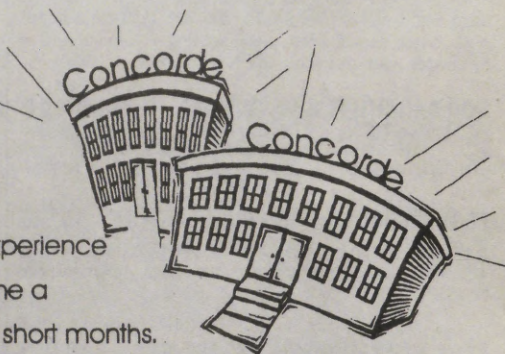
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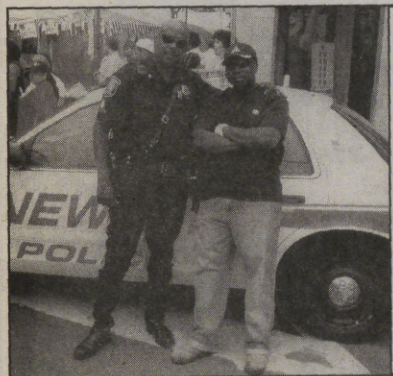
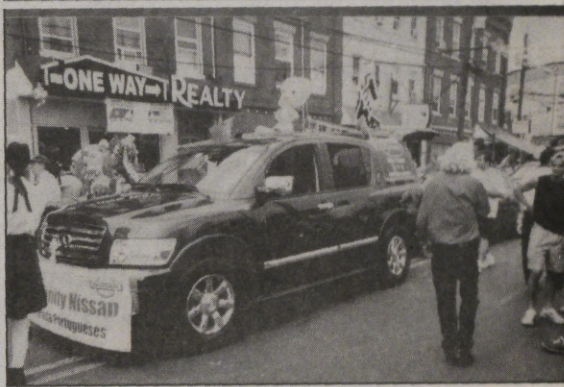


Among the honored guests at the 25th annual Portugal Day Celebration were Mayor Sharpe James, Sheriff Amando Fortuna, NJ Gov. James McGreevey, (with his daughter and her friends) displaying his pride in his wife Dina Matos McGreevey being chosen the parade's grand marshal. She addressed the crowd in her native Portuguese language before leading dozens of marching bands, dance troupes and community groups down Ferry Street.

Mayor James saluting the Portuguese Officers appointed during his administration

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Above (L): LYNN'S INFINITI, the auto dealership joined the thousands of Portuguese-Americans in celebration of Newark's 25th annual Portugal Day Parade, who enjoyed the family of autos on display.

Also (R): "Security was in the house"; Some of Newark's finest were on hand, along with Police Chief Anthony Ambrose, Assemblyman Bill Payne and Mayor Sharpe James.

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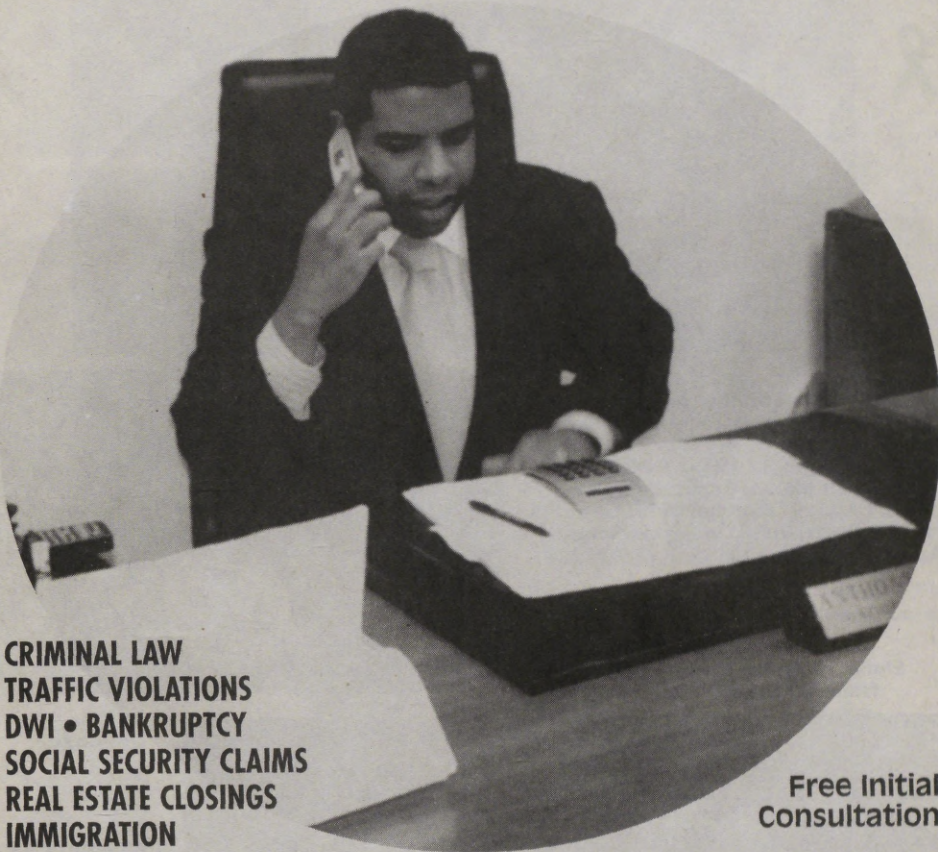
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BIOGRAPHY -

Anthony C. Mack was born and raised in Newark's North Ward (at the time known as the 4th Ward). He is a graduate of Bloomfield Technical High School. He received his undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University and his Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law Newark.

Mr. Mack is a former staff attorney with Legal Aid Society - Criminal Defense Division in Manhattan. There he represented indigent defendants in a wide variety of criminal matters. Mr. Mack is now in private practice with offices in Newark and in Manhattan. He specializes in criminal defense, personal injury and civil rights litigation.

Mr. Mack currently serves as counsel to several activist organizations such as the People's Organization for Progress. Mr. Mack also served as lead counsel in the 1998 Million Youth March criminal trial in New York County Supreme Court.

Some of Mr. Mack's notable current clients are Sammy "The Bull" Gravano and the Estate of Jose Luis Ives, Jr. (the 17 year old who was slain in July of 2003 by a Weehawken police officer).

Mr. Mack has also served as a legal correspondent on various radio shows on WLJB, WBLS & The Open Line on Kiss-FM.

Mr. Mack credits his wide range of experiences as an adolescent and young man in the City of Newark, to give him a personal view of the many plights that affect his clients.

He also credits his hard work ethic, which is the basis of his accomplishments to date, to his mother who is now deceased but worked as a housekeeper in South Orange when he was growing up.

Commemorating the The Nineteenth Amendment & The War of the Roses



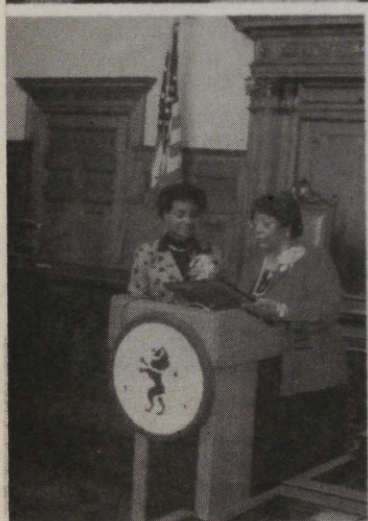
above: Larrie Stalks, joined by several prominent women of our community, are presented plaques in honor of the "Yellow Rose and the Women's Suffrage Movement" began in 1919. Trish Morris Yamba, Gwen Moten, Barbaraz Kukla, Nancy E. Holecek, Blondie Watkins and Carol A. Graves were among the many on hand.



right: Carol Clark and Larrie W. Stalks receiving flowers and a gift from her brother Kenneth West.



Many turned out in the City Hall Chambers in honor of the "Yellow Rose and the Women's Suffrage Movement" signed in 1920. Finally giving women the Constitutional right to vote. One-hundred and forty years after the Declaration of Independence was signed.



**Stephen Stalks helping mom,
Larrie with her award**

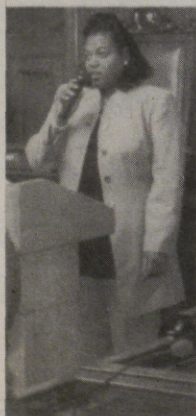


**Larrie celebrating
with other awardees**





Governor's aide, Calvin West, Larrie's brother was on hand to honor her achievement.



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ESTHER A. AZURE, 49

retired budget analyst, Newark Housing Authority

Mrs. Azure also worked as a program development specialist in community relations and business manager for food services in the Newark school system. A very diversified person, Mrs. Azure was also a real estate agent and insurance in Irvington and was honored for her community service activities by the Township of Irvington.

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, 69

retired mail carrier

Mr. Williams was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Orange for 33 years before retiring in 1991. He also served in the Marine Corps during peacetime. He was a member of F&AM Bethel Lodge 10 and the Order of the Eastern Star St. John's Chapter 12, both Prince Hall Affiliates in East Orange. Mr. Williams was also a member of the Shriners Golconda Temple 24 in Newark.

REV. JOHN R. STANFORD, 88

baptist minister

He served as pastor at the Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newark. Also, he served at Second Baptist Church in Atlantic City and at the First Baptist Church in North Carolina.

Rev. Stanford was president of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Newark and the General Baptist State Convention of New Jersey and was vice president of the New England Missionary Baptist Convention.

He was also a former long-time chaplain of the Newark Police Department.

HYACINTH CURTIS, 102

Cotton Club dancer

She one of the last of the famed chorus line dancers from the 1920s and '30s. She got her start at the Cotton Club, dancing behind all the big bands that played there, including those fronted by Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway and Lucky Millinder.

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By JOE THOMAS

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It has been witnessed that some things run their course, then fade away, sometimes never to return.

One case in point is the "Strawberry Festival." It used to be an annual event on the sidewalk at 510 Broad Street, home of the North Reformed Church.

Usually in June, this festival was eagerly anticipated in some of the downtown businesses. People would come during their lunch hour or "break." If time allowed, they'd buy the strawberries and ice cream, go to the edge of the sidewalk and enjoy "live" jazz. Needless to say: they'd enjoy the "goodies" served. There were also tables set up for those who chose to sit.

The music, coordinated with the serving of food, would start at 11:30 a.m. and continue (with only a short intermission) until 1:30 p.m.

I had the honor and pleasure of putting the bands together for the concerts.

Some of the artists I used were: the late Sandi Jarvis, and Betty DuChantier (vocalists), Allen Farnham, Tomoko Ono, Raddam Swartz, Dave Braham (keyboards), Bob Cunningham, Tom McKinzie and Michael Logan (bass), Greg Buford, Jesse (cheese) Hammin and Winnard Harper (drums).

Everyone had a good time. People would open their "loading" doors to listen when they were stopped for the traffic light. Some cars would have their windows rolled down, in spite of the heat. People across the street in Washington Park would be "groovin'." It was all, BIG FUN.

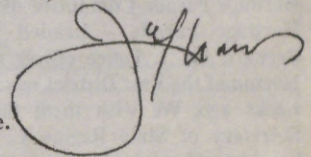
It's been several years since the Strawberry Festival was last held. The reasons that stood in the way of having it have been resolved and I, on behalf of the many volunteers who've been involved in the past and who are anxiously awaiting its return am delighted to announce: "It's back!! Strike-up-the-Band," serve the strawberries and ice cream and have a great time.

You are one and all invited, we ask you to please tell your friends of *Strawberries, Ice Cream and "All That Jazz."*

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Newark's Cultural Legacy Committee of the Women's Board Association of NJ Performing Arts Center

L to R: Don Braden, noted saxophonist and director for Jazz Teens program at NJPAC; jazz historian, Dan Morganstern, winner of six Grammy awards; Steve Barker, Vice President of Jazz A&R Savory Records; Gary Alexander #1 DJ at WBGO Jazz 88 FM; Gwen Dolorn, of the staff of Women's Board; and counting third from right next to Tiny Prince our Newark historian and himself, James Moody who wrote the famous "Moody's Mood for Love." James Moody was raised in Newark, NJ by Danny Gibson.

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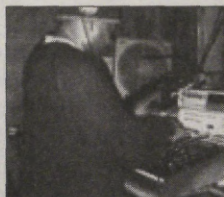
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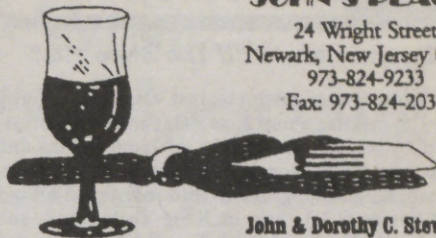
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There's a certain brother who needs some help. He nods off a lot, scratches all the time and he must have sinus trouble with his nose, cause he's always rubbing it. He used to be built like "Mr. America," now he looks like the 'Straw Man' from The Wiz. What happened to all of those nice clothes, that nice car and the fully furnished apartment you had in Maplewood?

Your condition will only get worse, you better go down to Integrity House and ask them for some help. Tell 'em *The Shadow* sent you, tell them you've spent the last three years shoveling 'snow'.

Y'all know I always "got jokes"

My sister called the hospital. "Hello. Could you connect me to the person who gives information about patients. I'd like to find out if a patient is getting better, doing as expected, or getting worse." The voice on the other end said, "What is the patient's name and room number?" "Weasy Jenkins, room 302."

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Ms. Jenkins is doing very well. In fact, she's had two full meals, her blood pressure is fine, to be taken off the heart monitor in a couple of hours and, if she continues this improvement, Dr. Martin is going to send her home Tuesday at noon."

My sister said, "What a relief! Oh, that's fantastic... that's wonderful news!"

The nurse said, "From your enthusiasm, I take it you are a close family member or a very close friend!"

"Neither! I'm Weasy Jenkins in 302! Nobody here tells me sh - t!!

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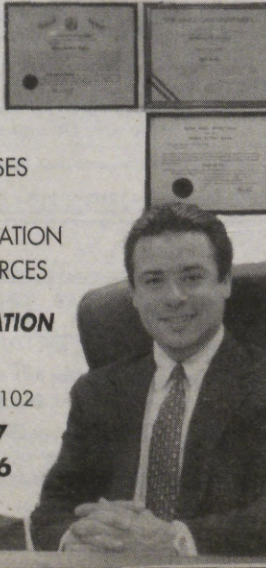
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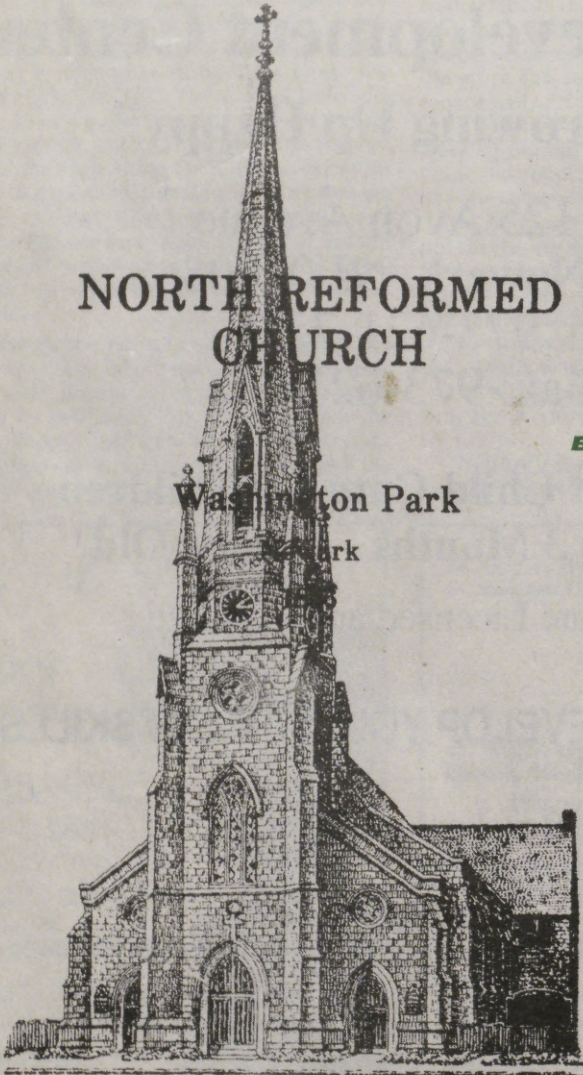
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